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First Named Inventor	Hill et al.
Art Unit	2823
Examiner Name	H. Lee
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In re Application of:

Hill et al.

Serial No.: 10/067,410

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For: METHOD FOR FORMING A
SELECTIVE CONTACT AND LOCAL
INTERCONNECT IN SITU AND
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES CARRYING
THE SAME

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Sir:

This communication is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination.

Amendments to the claims are set forth in the listing of the claims, which begins on page
2 of this paper; and

Remarks start at page 6 of this paper.